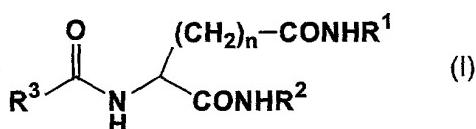


What is claimed is:

1. A compound represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently represent a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrocarbon group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms, n represents 1 or 2 provided that the acidic amino acid residue in the molecule is L-aspartic acid residue when n is 1 and said acidic amino acid residue is L-glutamic acid residue when n is 2.

2. The compound according to Claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently represent a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 26 carbon atoms, R<sup>3</sup> represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 7 to 10 carbon atoms, and n represents 2.

3. The compound according to Claim 1, which is N-2-ethylhexanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide, N-octanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide, or N-decanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

4. The compound according to Claim 1, which is N-2-ethylhexanoyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

5. A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 4.

6. A gelling agent for an oil which comprises at least one compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 4 and N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide.

7. The gelling agent according to Claim 6, wherein a ratio of total weight of the compound according to any one of Claims 1 to 4 and weight of N-lauroyl-L-glutamic acid dibutylamide is 35:5 to 5:35.

8. A gel composition containing (a) a gelling agent according to any one of Claims 5 to 7, and (b) at least one oil.

9. The gel composition according to Claim 8, which is a translucent composition.

10. The gel composition according to Claim 8 or 9, which further contains (c) at least one antiperspirant active ingredient.

11. A cosmetic comprising a gel composition according to any one of Claims 8 to  
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